

yet it is Senator BILL BRADLEY, the personal man, whom we shall miss most.

I know I will miss him greatly. He has always been willing to take the tough stand, to defend American principles and American values, and he has always worked to make sure that the opportunity to achieve the American Dream was available to every American, he has always demonstrated the kind of modesty, good judgment, and good humor that is the hallmark of real leadership.

Senator BILL BRADLEY has lived a life filled with accomplishment. I know that although he is leaving the Senate, his work on behalf of the American people is far from over. I look forward to seeing him continue his record of achievement in whatever new role he chooses.

#### SENATOR SHEILA FRAHM

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words about a Senator who has been with us briefly, but has nonetheless, made an impact on all of us in the Senate. SHEILA FRAHM joined us in June, bringing the number of women in the Senate to nine, an all time high. This is not the first time that Senator FRAHM has made history. Before her arrival in the Senate, she served as the first woman Lieutenant Governor in Kansas and prior to that, she was Kansas' first woman Senate majority leader.

However, Senator FRAHM is much more than a history maker. In her time here, she has proven how seriously she takes her job as a legislator and policymaker. The best example of this can be found in her voting record, which is perfect. And her voting record is perfect because SHEILA FRAHM decided that it was more important for her to remain in Washington to debate important issues like Kennedy-Kassebaum healthcare reform, and the welfare reform bill than for her to return to Kansas to campaign for reelection. SHEILA FRAHM proved just how senatorial she really is in prioritizing legislative business over her own political race.

I have every confidence that Senator FRAHM will continue to serve her beloved Kansas with the same calm, good humor, and steadfast dedication to duty which she exhibited here in the Senate of the United States.

#### THE RETIREMENT OF U.S. SENATOR AL SIMPSON

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, as most of the Members of this body, I rise today to wish Senator AL SIMPSON a fond farewell. After 18 years of superior service to the State of Wyoming and his country, Senator SIMPSON is leaving the Senate to teach at Harvard.

AL SIMPSON was born in Cody, Wyoming, a town founded by Buffalo Bill. He comes from a family that helped

settle much of northwestern Wyoming and has a long tradition of public service in Wyoming. His father was governor of Wyoming from 1954 to 1958, and served in the U.S. Senate from 1962 to 1966.

AL SIMPSON began his career in public service when he joined the Army, upon graduation from college. He served overseas in the 5th Infantry Division and in the 2nd Armored Division in the final months of the Army of Occupation in Germany. In 1956 he received an honorable discharge and returned to Wyoming to study law at the University of Wyoming. Upon graduation from law school he joined his father's law firm and practiced law in his hometown of Cody for 18 years.

Senator SIMPSON began his political career in Wyoming's State Legislature. In 1964 he was elected to the State Legislature as a State representative of his native Park County. He served there for 13 years.

In 1978, following in his father's footsteps, AL SIMPSON was elected U.S. Senator. He won subsequent reelection bids in 1984 and 1990, easily defeating all challengers.

In the U.S. Senate, he quickly became known for his support of Social Security reform, immigration reform, and veterans issues. I came to recognize his commitment to entitlement reform, when I had the pleasure of serving with him on the bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform in 1994. We also served on the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over certain mandatory spending programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Federal retirement. It was clear from day one that Senator SIMPSON believes that entitlement reform should be a priority in this country. Continuing his belief in reform, I understand that he plans to teach his students at Harvard about the state of entitlement programs, among other things.

During his career in public service, he has won a variety of honors, including the Distinguished Alumni of the University of Wyoming, honorary law degrees from Notre Dame, American University, and Rocky Mountain College, and a variety of awards including the Silver Helmet Award from AMVETS of World War II.

The Senate will miss a Member who is known for his support of bipartisan solutions. I have enjoyed working with ALAN SIMPSON. I will miss his wonderful sense of humor, his willingness to always say what he thinks, and his intellectual integrity. Although we have often disagreed, I am proud to have served with ALAN SIMPSON. I would like to add for the record my respect for this man who has served Wyoming and his country well. I wish Senator SIMPSON, his wife Ann, and his family all the best for the future.

#### RETIREMENT OF SENATOR DAVID PRYOR

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my colleague and friend, Senator DAVID PRYOR, who will be leaving the Senate at the end of this term.

Public service is a strong tradition in Senator PRYOR's family. His mother was the first woman in Arkansas to run for public office after the passage of the 19th amendment, and both his father and grandfather were county sheriffs.

Senator PRYOR's own involvement in public service began early, as a congressional page. During that time, Senator PRYOR demonstrated both his commitment to a life of public service and his ability to accurately predict the future: As a teenage page, he placed a dime in one of the recesses of a column of the Capitol, and vowed that he would return for that coin as a Senator. Less than three decades later, after serving three terms in the Arkansas House, three terms in the U.S. House, and two terms as Governor of Arkansas, Senator PRYOR reclaimed his dime, which had somehow eluded cleaning crews for all those years.

I am grateful to have served with Senator PRYOR on two committees: Finance and Special Aging, where I have had the opportunity to observe first hand his dedication to serving the needs of our Nation's elderly and children in need, as well as his delightful creativity.

Senator PRYOR's commitment to serving the needs of older Americans was first demonstrated when he was a young freshman Congressman. He was innovative enough to host a number of catfish fundraising dinners to establish the House Select Committee on Aging, which he housed temporarily in a trailer. Senator PRYOR later served as the chairman of the Senate Special Aging Committee, where he concentrated his efforts on improving the quality of long term care in nursing homes. In his own inimitable fashion, he gathered information about these issues while serving as an undercover orderly in the 1960's. The most recent example of his creativity and his thoughtfulness came to fruition earlier this week, when the entire Senate sported bow ties in honor of my colleague, PAUL SIMON. Senator PRYOR arranged to have the ties made in Little Rock as a tribute to my fellow Illinoisian.

The Senate will not be the same without DAVID PRYOR. His presence in Washington will be sorely missed by Arkansas, by the Senate, and by me, personally. I am very proud to have served with him.

#### RETIREMENT OF SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, in a very short time, the 104th Congress will adjourn for the last time